

REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

A) Claims 2, 5, 7—10, 13, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25 remain in their original form.

B) Claim 27—29 and 31 are previously presented.

C) Claims 18 and 26 were previously cancelled.

D) Claims 1, 6, 14—17, 21 and 30 are currently amended.

E) Claims 3, 4, 11, 12 and 24 are currently cancelled.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Claim Objections

The Patent Office objected to Claims 1, 6 and 21 as not producing a tangible result. The Office suggested that Claims 1, 6 and 21 be amended to recite the elements of Claims 4, 12 and 24, respectively. Strictly to advance prosecution, and without addressing the merits of the objection, the Applicant has amended Claims 1, 6 and 21 as suggested. Claims 3 and 4 were cancelled, due to the amendment of Claim 1. Claims 11 and 12 were cancelled, due to the amendment of Claim 6. Claim 24 was cancelled due to the amendment of Claim 21.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 14 and 27—31 were rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, as omitting necessary cooperative relationships.

Regarding Claims 14 and 30, the Patent Office suggested that adding the language “wherein the act of writing comprises writing the received data” to Claims 14 and 30. Strictly to advance prosecution, and without addressing the merits of the Section 112 rejection, the Applicant has amended Claims 14 and 30

to recite the suggested language. Amendment to dependent Claims 15—17 was required as a result of the amendment to Claim 14.

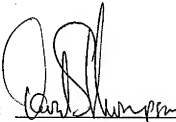
Regarding Claims 27—29 and 31, the Patent Office suggested adding a “commit transaction” limitation to these claims. However, the Applicant respectfully notes that these claims already recite “commit transaction” language (e.g. the claims recite “commit an associated transaction” or similar). Accordingly, the Applicant is confused by the Patent Office request, and hopes that we can clarify this during an informal interview.

Conclusion

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for discussing the above matters on the phone on 12/13/2007. If any remaining issues arise, I would welcome the chance to work them out over the phone.

Respectfully Submitted,

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